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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 7, 2005, applicants hereby without traverse elect the species of claim 1 for prosecution if no generic claim is held to be allowable. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 through 23 are associated with the species of claim 1 that has been elected.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that at least claims 1 through 23 be examined after this election.

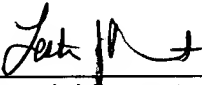
Also enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time.

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Respectfully submitted,

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